

RAILROADS TIED UP WITH STRESS OF TRAFFIC

Big Terminals Out of Chicago Suffering From Lack of Cars and Men.

ROADS BLOCKADED WITH BUSINESS

Freight Houses are Filled and Trains Compelled to Stand on Main Tracks for Hours--New Business Being Refused on Every Hand.

CHICAGO, Oct. 11.—One of the most serious car famines ever recorded exists among the big railroad terminals in Chicago. Several of the roads report that the congestion of business has assumed the proportions of a blockade.

To add to the embarrassment the yards will not accommodate the cars obtainable. Freight houses are filled and at many points long trains stand on the main tracks for hours before they can be taken care of. Sidetracks and yards for distances of fifty miles or over from the city are being utilized to accommodate the unprecedented crush of traffic. In addition to the blockades the railroad officials find it impossible to obtain enough extra men. The famine in help appears to be as great as the famine in cars.

New business is being refused on every hand, and the car and locomotive builders are pressed for rush orders for new equipment. One thousand cars built for the Rio Grande road by an Indiana firm, have mysteriously disappeared en route to the west. It is said they are being used by roads short of cars and will be held until the famine is over.

TO PROTECT OUR INTERESTS.

Cruiser Montgomery to Be Sent to Delagoa Bay.

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: In the event of war, which officials here regard as practically certain, as a result of the Boer ultimatum, orders will be immediately cabled to the cruiser Montgomery which was last reported at Pernambuco, directing her to proceed to Delagoa bay and co-operate with the consul at Pretoria in the protection of American interests.

Rear-Admiral Schley informed Acting Secretary Allen today of his willingness to assume command of the South Atlantic squadron whenever the department desired and was informed that the cruiser Chicago would be ready for sea on October 25. She will proceed immediately to Delagoa bay and Commander Morrill, commanding the Montgomery will make his report to the squadron commander.

VALUE OF CALIFORNIA CROPS

Fifteen Million Dollars Will Be Received by the Fruit Growers Alone.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 11.—According to estimates made by experts, the farmers of California will receive something like \$15,000,000 this season for such products of their orchards and vineyards as are canned or dried.

This is an advance of about \$3,500,000 over the total received last year. D. H. Porter, of Porter Bros., estimates this state's dried fruit output at \$9,300,000, and Superintendent Fontana, of the California Fruit Canners' Association, says the canned fruit will be worth \$6,500,000.

Taggart Elected Mayor.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 11.—Thomas Taggart, (dem.) is re-elected mayor by a plurality of from 200 to 300. Charles A. Bookwalter, republican candidate, announces he will contest on the ground of fraud.

Toilet Soap Combine.

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—Manufacturers of toilet soap from all parts of the United States are holding sessions at the Fifth Avenue hotel. The object of the conference is to raise and regulate prices. While raw materials have advanced, sharp competition has materially reduced prices to jobbers and retailers.

ROSS CROCKER AT DEWEY PARADE

HIS OFFENSIVE PROMINENCE

Attempt to Make the Demonstration a Tammany Affair and Exploit Its Corrupt Chief.

A few days before the arrival of Admiral Dewey a local cartoonist drew a picture of Richard Crocker standing with one foot on the Battery sea wall, the other on Central Park, and waving one arm to indicate all of Greater New York, he was saying: "Admiral, my town!" Dewey probably did not see this cartoon, but being a close observer, he must have seen and felt the spirit of it a thousand times during the two days that he was the guest of the city. The welcome to the hero of Manila was officially an affair of the city administration, in substance it was a spontaneous outburst of popular enthusiasm, but in the general plan and arrangement it was a Tammany affair, shaped to exploit Boss Crocker in the reflected glory of the admiral, says a special to the Globe-Democrat.

From the time of the first formal welcome down the bay until the end of the land parade on Saturday, the face of Crocker cast a protruding and offensive shadow over every scene. He was thrust forward everywhere by the plans of his fawning and bootlicking followers and the man's own vanity kept him at the front at times when tact and decency would have sent him to the rear. Holding no city office, he could not well take the place of the mayor in the formalities, but he was placed upon the reception committee, and in that capacity he made himself more conspicuous than any other man who had to do with the welcome to the admiral.

Some incidents of the reception that received little notice at the time will be talked of for days to come in all sections of the country, because they were witnessed by men who had not known the Tammany leader before and watched him closely. Many of these spectators were guests of the city, and men of importance in their own states. The rudeness of the treatment they received made them close observers of the manner of the boss of Tammany and the men he has set to govern New York.

A fine steamboat was hired to convey the mayor, reception committee and invited guests down the bay on Friday morning for the ceremony of official welcome and for the naval parade. This boat was held at the pier ten minutes before scheduled time, waiting for Boss Crocker. It would not have been held as many seconds for any other member of the committee. When it was discovered that the boss would be late, the mayor and all the other city officers on board gathered at the gangway on the lower deck to wait for him. Governors of states, there as guests of the city by special invitation, made their way on board as best they could, struggling through the crowd at the pier. No one met them at the gangway. The mayor did not receive them—in fact, ignored their presence. When they got aboard they had to shift for themselves. No one in authority so much as made an inquiry relative to their comfort.

When Crocker appeared the band played "Hail to the Chief." The mayor bowed humbly before him and city commissioners turned errand boys to anticipate his slightest wish. Squads of police cleared a way for him if he wished to move across the deck, and the guests of the city were forgotten. No provision had been made for them beyond permitting them to ride in the same boat with the boss.

On the reception committee there were some distinguished men, but Tammany had planned that Boss Crocker should do the receiving, and he did. He stood by the gangway when Dewey came aboard, the other members of the committee kept well back by two lines of police. The situation was peculiar. It caused much comment, but the boss seemed to enjoy the role he had selected for himself. He was first to greet the admiral, then he led him off to the cabin and stood at his right throughout the reception. Other members of the committee were hustled

along by the police; the mayor dropped back into the crowd.

The scene made Crocker express the idea of the cartoonist, "Admiral, my town!" and the boss was determined to do the honors in his own way. When the reception was over he led Dewey to the gang-plank, shook hands and waved him off, while the other members of the committee were ignored or lost in the crowd. It was a great day for Boss Crocker.

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O, how that mother's heart must leap
To drive this peril of the air
Away from that soft nest of sleep
With all her love and longing there.
But see the staunch defender rise
With bristling mane and head erect.
No power can snatch that precious prize.
While he stands ready to protect.
Sleep on sweet babe, your mother's breast
Ours more shall press you close and warm.
No evil bird shall ever molest
While this brave guardian scents the harm.
To protect her little ones is among the
strongest instincts of a mother's heart, and
through all the thousands cares and worries
of a busy woman's life there arises ever and
anon the thought "O, if I could do more
for my baby!"
But mothers are too often weighed down



and weakened with their own daily burdens
to do any more than struggle almost hope-
lessly against the physical and mental evils
that beset themselves, with no strength left
to care for their children. Women with large
families find that the very order of bringing
children into the world, and nursing and
rearing them to boyhood and girlhood, is
so great a draft upon the mother's strength
that she herself becomes the natural object
of care and protection.

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